

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Maria B Marvich, PhD

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☒ This communication is responsive to an amendment filed 1/22/04 and terminal disclaimers filed 4/1/04 and 5/4/04.

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 59-65 (now claim 1-7).

☒ The drawings filed on 06 February 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.

☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

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☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date 9/03, 3/04, 5/04.

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**Examiner's Comments**

This office action is in response to an amendment filed 1/22/04. Claims 1-58 are cancelled. Terminal disclaimers filed 4/1/04 and 5/4/04 have been received and accepted. Claims 59-65 (now claims 1-7) are pending in this application.

***Response to Petition***

In view of the papers filed 1/22/04, the inventorship in this nonprovisional application has been changed by the deletion of Margherita Maffei, Jeffrey L. Halaas, Ketan Gajiwala and Stephen K. Burley.

The information was forwarded to the legal instruments examiner office (LIE) for issuance of a corrected filing receipt, and PTO PALM data to reflect the inventorship as corrected.

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christine Dietzel on May 3, 2004.

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The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 59 (now claim 1), line 1, the word "A" prior to "variant" has been deleted and --An isolated-- has been inserted.

In claim 60 (now claim 3), line 1, the word "A" prior to "variant" has been deleted and --An isolated-- has been inserted.

In claim 61 (now claim 2), line 1, the word --isolated-- has been inserted prior to "OB polypeptide"

In claim 62 (now claim 4), line 1, the word --isolated-- has been inserted prior to "OB polypeptide"

In claim 63 (now claim 5), line 1, the word "A" prior to "variant" has been deleted and --An isolated-- has been inserted.

In claim 64 (now claim 6), line 1, the word "A" prior to "variant" has been deleted and --An isolated-- has been inserted.

In claim 65 (now claim 7), line 1, the word "A" prior to "variant" has been deleted and --An isolated-- has been inserted.

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***Conclusion***

Claims 59-65 (now claims 1-7) are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maria B Marvich, PhD whose telephone number is (571)-272-0774. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-3:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Remy Yucel, PhD can be reached on (571)-272-0781. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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